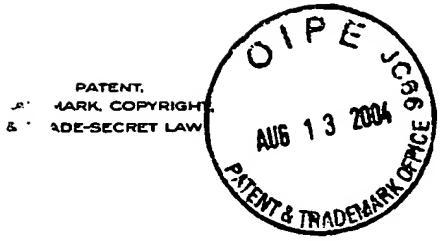


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Dear Sir:

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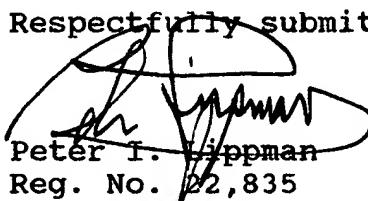
- amendment of 28 typewritten pages
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- I. D. S. -- with 13 references
- our check for \$55, to be applied as indicated below
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In event any further fee, other than an issue fee, should become due, or any refund accrue, at any time during the prosecution of this application, you are hereby authorized to proceed, without specific authorization, to charge such fee or credit such refund to our deposit account 12-1639.
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